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MARINE CORPS ORDER 1500.41A W/CH 1

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Distribution List

Subj: Scholarship Program for Members of the Marine Corps

Ref: (a) MCO 1560.19D
(b) MCO 1520.9F

Encl: (1) Sample Scholarship Request

1. Purpose. To set forth the policies and procedures under which members of the Marine Corps may accept fellowships, scholarships, or grants from eligible donors.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1500.41

3. Background. This Order implements a Department of Defense program which allows selected members of the Armed Forces to accept fellowships, scholarships, and grants from eligible donors when the education or training to be received or the research to be performed by the recipient qualifies the recipient to fulfill present or future Marine Corps requirements, or constitutes a contribution to a project of value to the United States.

4. Policy.

a. Eligible donors of fellowships, scholarships, or grants include tax-exempt corporations, educational institutions, foundations, or funds organized and operated primarily for scientific, literary, or educational purposes.

b. Ineligible donors include business groups operating for profit and political organizations.

c. Eligible recipients will be allowed to accept

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fellowships, scholarships, or grants offered by eligible donors only if:

(1) The education or training is designed to qualify the recipient to fill a Marine Corps validated billet requiring graduate education.

(2) The research grant would allow the recipient to contribute to a project of value to the United States.

(3) The recipient has been authorized by the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MMOA) to compete for and/or accept such an award.

(4) Recipients must agree not to tender a resignation or request separation or retirement while participating in the program. Recipients must also agree to remain on active duty after completion of training, or upon separation of the program for any other reason, for a period three times the length of the period of the education or training. The crediting of service against any pre-existing service obligations will be suspended during the time assigned to the program.

d. Participation in this program will normally be at an accredited educational institution within the United States, however, exceptions will be made for recipients of the Olmsted, Rhodes, or similar scholarships which require study in a foreign country.

e. The minimum period necessary to meet degree requirements will be authorized, not to exceed 24 months. Each participating officer must carry the full-time workload for a graduate student as established by the college or university. For scholars studying at colleges or universities within the United States, a full-time workload will include summer sessions when available.

f. Participants will receive regular pay and allowances as well as reimbursement for a permanent change of station move. The eligible donor or the individual participant will pay all

costs incident to participation in the specified program to include tuition, textbooks, and any other fees listed in the institution's catalog. The benefits that may be accepted under a scholarship, fellowship, or grant are limited to an amount not to exceed the cost of sending the member to the same school at government expense. When these benefits are for travel expenses, quarters, subsistence allowances, or other expenses, an appropriate reduction shall be made from any payment that is made for the same purpose to the member by the Marine Corps incident to the acceptance of the award.

5. Applications and Nominations.

a. Burke Equivalent Scholars. Marine Corps option midshipmen will be selected for the Marine Corps Burke Equivalent Scholarship Program by the U.S. Naval Academy as outlined in applicable U.S. Naval Academy directives. Graduate level education for Marine Corps officers so selected will be at the masters degree level only and will be subject to the following requirements.

(1) Members will apply for graduate education through the existing Marine Corps programs, the Advanced Degree Program or Special Education Program, as outlined in references (a) and (b).

(2) Selection for graduate study will not be automatic, but will be contingent upon continued outstanding professional performance as a member of the Marine Corps.

b. Olmsted Scholars. Marine Corps officers will be nominated for the Olmsted Scholarship Program by the methods outlined in an annual SECNAVNOTE 1520 series. Once nominated, officers will be screened by a combined Navy/Marine Corps administrative board which will recommend selected officers to the Olmsted Foundation Board of Directors for final selection of participants.

c. Other Fellowships, Scholarships or Grants. Other awards, to include Fulbright, Rhodes, and Guggenheim Scholarships may be accepted by members of the Marine Corps subject to the approval of the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MMOA). Approval to

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accept such an award will be based on career record, promotion potential, scholastic qualifications, needs of the service for the requested field of study, eligibility of the donor, availability of the applicant for reassignment, and availability of graduate education quotas. Requests for approval to accept such awards should be forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MMOA) in the format of enclosure (1).

6. Information. The point of contact for information concerning scholarships, fellowships, and grants is the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MMOA-3), the office of Graduate Education Coordinator. The phone numbers are DSN: 224-5211 and commercial: (703) 614-5211.

7. Action

a. The Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MMOA) will implement this program according to current policy including:

(1) Receiving and screening nominations or applications to ensure basic criteria are met.

(2) Conducting detailed preparation for the Olmsted Scholarship Program Administrative Board, the Advanced Degree Program Selection Board, and the Special Education Program Selection Board.

b. Commanding officers are directed to give wide dissemination of this order to ensure that its provisions are fully understood by all members within their commands.

8. Reserve Applicability. This order is not applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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By direction

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3. Filing Instructions. File this change transmittal immediately behind the signature page of the basic order.

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12. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (Reduce to minimum wording - type name of originator and sign 3 lines below text)

1. In accordance with the reference, I hereby request permission to accept the Rhodes Scholarship for study at Oxford University, England for a period of 24 months.
2. The following information is submitted to support this request:
 - a. Degree to be pursued: M.S. in History.
 - b. Amount of Scholarship: \$2,400 annually to cover tuition, books, and incidental fees only.
 - c. Inclusive dates of attendance: 12 August 1997- 7 July 1999.
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